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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0377

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PE, EC  
SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF US WEAPONS TO ECUADOR

REF: (A) LIMA 0341; (B) STATE 009118

1. DATT VISITED THE EL ORO BRIGADE ON JAN. 14 TO VIEW DELIVERY OF MATERIEL AND DISCUSS TRAINING. ACCORDING TO COL. JIMENEZ, EL ORO BRIGADE COMMANDER, HE AND GEN. LINARES THE PERUVIAN ARMY TUMBEZ DIVISION COMMANDER, TALK DAILY BY PHONE AND BIMONTHLY IN STRUCTURED MEETINGS. CCCOL. JIMENEZ INDICATED THAT THIS COMMUNICATION IS BOTH OPEN AND FRIENDLY. HE SAID THAT DELIVERY OF WEAPONS, THE TRAINING SCHEDULE, AND THE FACT THAT US ADVISORS WOULD CONDUCT IT, WERE ALL DISCUSSED THIS PAST WEEK AND THAT GEN. LINARES IS AWARE OF PERTINENT DETAILS. HE ADDED THAT GEN. LINARES REFLECTED NO CONCERN OVER THE WEAPON DELIVERY OR TRAINING.

2. FYI. THE TRAINING AREA IS NORTH OF THE TOWN OF ARENILLAS (VIC. 80 DEGREES, 05 MINUTES WEST; 03 DEGREES, CONFIDENTIAL

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25 MINUTES SOUTH). DIRECTION OF FIRE IS NORTH TOWARD MOUTH OF GUAYAS RIVER AND AWAY FROM BORDER. THE AREA IS OUTSIDE THE 14 KILOMETER FREE BORDER ZONE WHICH COL. JIMENEZ ASSERTS WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE RIO PROTOCOL. END FYI.

3. IN RESPONSE TO DATT'S QUESTION, COL. JIMENEZ OPINED

THAT TRANSFERRING THE TRAINING TO ANOTHER LOCATION WOULD CAUSE A DELAY OF UP TO TWO MONTHS. THE PROBLEM IS IN TRANSPORTATION: THE EQUIPMENT AND SOLDIERS TO BE TRAINED ARE BOTH IN ARENILLAS, BUT TRUCKS WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT FROM OTHER BASES TO TRANSPORT THEM TO A NEW LOCATION. JIMENEZ WAS VERY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA.

4. COMMENT: THE FACT THAT THE PERUVIAN COMMANDER IN THE BORDER AREA IS AWARE OF THE ARMS SHIPMENT AND TRAINING AND APPARENTLY HAS EXPRESSED NO CONCERN SUGGESTS THAT THE FEARS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A ARE UNFOUNDED. COL. JIMENEZ' REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE TRAINING IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT FROM HIS SUPERIORS IN QUITO. GIVEN THAT THIS SHIPMENT AND TRAINING ARE DESIGNED TO BOLSTER OUR POLITICAL POSITION WITH THE GOE, AND GIVEN APPARENT UNCONCERN OF THE PERUVIANS, EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN TO PURSUE FURTHER THE MATTER OF MOVING THE TRAINING LOCATION, UNLESS DEPARTMENT BELIEVES SUCH ACTION STILL NECESSARY. BLOOMFIELD

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